Dear Judges-

For a long time this country has trumpeted the concepts of free press, free enterprise and democracy as its cornerstones, when all of the time these three concepts, like everything else in our society, are for sale.

Now comes the most important question, "Are you for sale?".

As long as you continue to support a legal system where large companies can pollute the environment or sell cancer-causing cigarettes and slip away from true accountability in "settlements" where the findings are never revealed to the public, you judges are all shameful and put your own integrity in doubt.

So, will Microsoft continue to be able to sell products which as they are installed prevent or destroy competing products? Will you judges continue to be mired in insignificant technicalities rather than recognizing common sense? How would you react if Toyota or Honda sold only cars which caused your Chevrolet to evaporate when you drove into the garage for the first time? How would you respond if the Ford Motor Company told you that you can no longer get parts or repairs done on your three-year-old Ford because they are now selling a newer Ford, which runs slower, requires more space, and is breaks down more often?

If Microsoft's principal product is now being replaced by an operating system which was created by thousands of volunteers in reaction to what they saw as abuse from Microsoft, are you able to sense the significance of that?

I worry that our society's principles have been so corrupted that a small country like Singapore may out-perform and out-produce us by using less valid but uncorrupted principals: for example if their government (using benevolent despotism) decreed that all computers use a Linux operating system.

I worry that our bright volunteers will embarrass Microsoft right out of business, before you judges understand that once you allow Microsoft to dominate (essentially control) the business of repairing or supporting their operating system, they have no reason to create one that doesn't need repair.

I remember when there were a dozen American corporations manufacturing cars and no one dominating. The rate of innovation was greater then.

If the US is to compete in the global technology race, we want a dozen pioneering software companies and none large enough to both dominate and drag its feet to make more money at the same time!

Sincerely,

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